

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Department of Energy and Environment



October 27, 2015

Re: DC Act 20-501 Paint Stewardship Act of 2014 Rulemaking, Implementation, and Enforcement Schedule

To Whom It May Concern:

[District of Columbia Law 20-205 the Paint Stewardship Act of 2014](#) requires paint manufacturers to collect and manage post-consumer paint in an environmentally sound manner, including the reuse and recycling of paint. Manufacturers, or representative organizations of manufacturers, are required to register with the Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE), pay a registration fee, submit a paint recycling and management plan for review by DOEE, and annually report on their collection and recycling activities. A paint stewardship fee will be added to the price of paint to cover the cost of recycling and responsible disposal of discarded paint. This letter is to inform affected stakeholders of the rulemaking, implementation, and enforcement schedule for the law.

Key dates include the following:

- DOEE will publish a Proposed Rulemaking in the *DC Register* in January 2016.
- Manufacturers that sell paint in the District, or the organizations which represent them, must submit paint stewardship plans and the assessment fee to DOEE by April 1, 2016.
- A list of brands covered by approved paint stewardship plans will be made available at www.doe.dc.gov/paint seven days after DOEE approves stewardship plans.
- Retailers shall not sell paint products in the District unless the manufacturer or an organization that represents the manufacturer has submitted a stewardship plan, assessment fee, and is in compliance with all requirements of the law after September 1, 2016.

It is recommended that manufacturers use proposed regulations and the Paint Stewardship Act to develop paint stewardship plans.

DOEE will post updates regarding rulemaking and implementation plans at www.doe.dc.gov/paint. To subscribe to receive program updates, please email productstewardship@dc.gov. Please also email productstewardship@dc.gov, if your question or comment is not addressed on the website, to recommend areas of the program that would benefit from clarification through rulemaking, or if you have questions related to developing stewardship plans.

Sincerely,

Tommy Wells
Director